

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4523-01
Bill No.: HB 1870
Subject: Health Care; Health Dept.; Science and Technology.
Type: Original
Date: February 25, 2002

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
This fiscal note contains 3 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Mental Health** assume the proposed legislation will not fiscally impact their organization.

Officials from the **Department of Social Services (DOS) - Division of Research and Evaluation** stated the central registry is the responsibility of the Department of Health and Senior Services. The Department of Health and Senior Services may disclose and exchange information with other public agencies, departments, and political subdivisions as is necessary to assure screening and to provide follow-up services for children tested or identified with birth defects, or metabolic or genetic conditions without a parent's or guardian's written release. The DOS may be the recipient of such information, but the DOS is not given any specific responsibilities it does not otherwise have. Therefore, the fiscal impact is zero.

Officials from the **Department of Health and Senior Services (DOH)** stated the DOH already has an information system which is federally supported that can include the concept of the central registry as required by the bill. Therefore, no additional state resources would be required.

This legislation would not be expected to significantly impact the operations of the DOH. If the proposal were to substantially impact the DOH programs, then the DOH would request funding through the legislative process.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2003 (10 Mo.)	FY 2004	FY 2005
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2003 (10 Mo.)	FY 2004	FY 2005
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

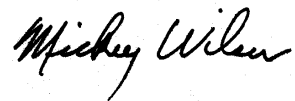
This bill revises provisions pertaining to newborn screening data. The bill: (1) Requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to implement Section 191.323, RSMo, pertaining to the development and promotion of public and professional educational programs and research

programs for genetic diseases. Currently, the department is authorized to implement the section; (2) Requires the department to maintain a central registry on metabolic and genetic diseases and birth defects. The department is also required to assure that genetic services and appropriate follow-up services are provided; (3) Requires the department and other health care providers to receive information concerning genetic and metabolic diseases for the purposes of screening, treating, and providing services. Currently, the State Board of Health receives the information. Persons who act in good faith with the newborn screening reporting requirements are exempt from civil or criminal liability; (4) Requires that information contained in the central registry be confidential. The department may disclose and exchange information pertaining to genetic and metabolic diseases and birth defects; (5) Requires that a person who releases information contrary to the bill is guilty of an unauthorized release of confidential information and is liable for civil damages; and (6) Exempts persons from civil or criminal liability for acting in good faith when reporting newborn test follow-up results for phenylketonuria and other metabolic and genetic diseases.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Mental Health
Department of Social Services
Department of Health and Senior Services



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